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Title: Flood situation in West Bengal.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, there is a devastating flood in the State of West Bengal. Out of 18 districts, 12 districts are adversely affected. More than one lakh people have been affected because of the devastating flood. Thousands and thousands of villages are marooned. Thousands of people have been shifted from their villages and they are staying in relief camps. People are not getting food and drinking water. This is the worst situation. The situation is very grim.

The situation has been further worsened because of discharge of 1.50 lakh cusecs of water from various reservoirs under Damodar Valley Corporation. Every year five districts of West Bengal face flood situation because of excessive discharge of water by Damodar Valley Corporation. There are three reservoirs – Tilaiya, Maithon and Panchet – and Durgapur Barrage. Since their inception, these reservoirs have not been dredged. As a result of this, their capacity to hold water has declined and reduced. Moreover, another additional reservoir was to be constructed at Balpahari in Jharkhand. That has not been undertaken by Damodar Valley Corporation. As a result of this, there has been devastating flood because of excessive discharge of water.

I demand from the Government of India, as we have demanded in this House a number of times, that dredging should be done on war-footing of Durgapur Barrage as well as Tilaiya, Maithon and Panchet reservoirs. I also demand that the additional reservoir, which was to be constructed at Balpahari in Jharkhand, should also be constructed.

I demand that a Central Team should be immediately sent to assess the extent of damage that has been caused by the recent flood in 12 districts of West Bengal. The damage caused there is huge, and standing crops have been damaged in a number of districts. The Central Government should come forward to assist the State Government financially and in other matters also.

I would reiterate that the Central Government should send a Central Team to assess the extent of damage and provide assistance to the State. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Ravindra Kumar Pandey is also associating on this issue.

The remaining portion of submissions will be taken up at the end of the day. Today, we will skip the lunch break and take up the Legislative Business.

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार (कोशाम्बी): सभापति महोदय, मैंने शून्य पृष्ठ में बोलने के लिए नाम दिया है। ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take up them at the end of the day.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री राजाराम पाल (अकबरपुर): महोदय, मैंने भी अपनी बात सदन में कहनी है।

श्री पन्ना लाल पुनिया (बाराबंकी): महोदय, शून्य पृष्ठ में बोलने के लिए मैंने भी अपना नाम दिया है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Some more submissions are there. We will take up them at the end of the day. Please take your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me inform you that we are not taking all the 'Zero Hour' submissions at the same time. It is always taken-up in two installments. So, the remaining portion will be taken up at the end of the day, and this is the practice that we are following.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार : सर, मैंने भी ज़ीरो ऑवर के लिए अपना नोटिस दिया है। आज मैंबर्स को जाना भी है, इसलिए ज़ीरो ऑवर अभी ले लीजिए।... (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All the remaining submissions will be taken up today at the end of the other business. Why do you not please adjust?

...(Interruptions)

श्री गणेश सिंह (सतना): सभापति जी, हमारी दो बजे ट्रेन है।...(व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. All of you can take only two minutes each. I will be very strict on this.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY (KOKRAJHAR): There should be equal justice. ...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The protest is taken in its true spirit, but I will allow only for two minutes each. Shri Shailendra Kumar.

...(Interruptions)